

LYNCHBURG CITY COUNCIL

Agenda Item Summary

MEETING DATE: **December 13, 2005**

AGENDA ITEM NO.: 12A

CONSENT:

REGULAR: **X**

CLOSED SESSION:

(Confidential)

ACTION: **X**

INFORMATION:

ITEM TITLE: Approve the Donation of Four Police Vehicles and a Stump Grinder to Two Mississippi Gulf Communities

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the donation of four police vehicles and a stump grinder to Mississippi Gulf communities identified by staff at the John C. Stennis Institute of Government at Mississippi State University.

SUMMARY: Following the Fall auction of vehicles and equipment by Fleet Services, four police vehicles and one stump grinder were not sold as the minimum bid price was not met. Rather than sell these vehicles on e-Bay as we have done in the past, staff proposed that City Council consider donating this equipment to a community or communities in the Mississippi Gulf area impacted by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

Specifically, the equipment is a 1993 Vermeer stump grinder with about 800 hours of use on its meter and four Crown Victoria police cars. Two of the Crown Victorias are 1998 models with 104,000 and 75,000 miles; one is a 1999 with 89,000 miles and the other is a 2001 with 94,000 miles. All of this equipment is operable and would have sold at a recent auction but they did not meet the reserve price set by the Director of Fleet Services. The reserve price for the vehicles was \$5,000 each and \$2,600 for the stump grinder for an estimated total value of \$22,600.

Following discussion with the Mayor and Vice Mayor in October, staff pursued two approaches to making contact with a coordinator for such donations. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) was contacted and provided the City with a list of communities that may be interested in the equipment. In addition, the International City County Management Association (ICMA) was contacted and ICMA staff connected City staff with the John C. Stennis Institute of Government at Mississippi State University (MSU). Staff from MSU contacted the Deputy City Manager fairly quickly indicating that they thought there were several communities that may be interested in the equipment.

Final details have not yet been worked out; however, two communities have been identified with a need for the police vehicles and the stump grinder. It is my understanding that staff from these communities will journey to Lynchburg to pick up the equipment.

Section 15.2-953 of the *Code of Virginia*, Section 38(14) of the *City Charter*, and Section 2-45 of the *City Code* require that Council approve donations.

With City Council's approval and as soon as details are worked out, staff will inform Council and the media of the timing and logistics involved in the donation.

PRIOR ACTION(S): Discussed informally with the Mayor and Vice Mayor on October 17, 2005.

BUDGET IMPACT: Potential loss of \$22,600 in auction revenue

CONTACT(S): Bonnie Svrcek, Deputy City Manager 455.3990 Ext. 3987

ATTACHMENT(S): Resolution

REVIEWED BY: lkp

RESOLUTION

Be it resolved that the Lynchburg City Council hereby approves the donation of surplus City equipment, specifically a stump grinder and four police cruisers, to Mississippi Gulf Coast communities to be identified by the John C. Stennis Institute of Government at Mississippi State University.

Adopted:

Certified:

Clerk of Council

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